WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Official Language Policy

[*Translation*]

*368. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the University Grants Commission for the implementation of the Official Language Policy;

(b) whether the target fixed for 1991-92 has been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has been implementing the official language policy of the Government. Although no specific targets for 1991-92 were laid down for use of Hindi, the Commission has taken following important steps for promotion of use of Hindi in its office:-

— There is a Hindi Officer Working under the control of the Secretary, UGC who is responsible for implementation of Official Language Policy.

— The Annual Report of the UGC is prepared and presented both in Hindi and English.

— All the advertisements are simultaneously given in both in Hindi and English.

— The registers, forms, name plates and rubber stamps are both in Hindi and English.

— The letters received in Hindi are replied in Hindi.

— More than 80% employees of the UGC have acquired working knowledge of Hindi.

— One week training for working in Hindi has been given to Senior Officers of UGC in the current year.

— Employees who are not proficient in Hindi are regularly sent for training organised by the Raj Bhasha Vibhag.

— The UGC News Letter started in 1991-92 is brought out simultaneously in Hindi and English.

[*English*]

Coaches for Sportsmen

*369. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign coaches appointed to train Indian sportsmen at present;

(b) the period of contract for these coaches;

(c) whether there is a demand to reduce their period of contract to only one year; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Ten foreign coaches from China,